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VIENNA FOR USIAEA

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: TECH, US, AR
SUBJECT: ARGENTINE CNEA REQUEST FOR HEU FOR RA-3 FUEL ELEMENTS

REF: (A) BUENOS AIRES 4018, (B) BUENOS AIRES 4139, (C) VIENNA 4668

1. IN MATTERS PROBABLY RELATED TO SUBJECT OF REFTELS, BUT
SOMEWHAT DISTINCT, CNEA OFFICIAL CALLED ON S&T COUNSELOR/ERDA
SCIREP TO EXPRESS CNEA INTEREST IN OBTAINING FROM ERDA IN NEAR
FUTURE APPROXIMATELY 12 (TWELVE) KILOS OF 90 PERCENT ENRICHED URANIUM
HEXAFLUORIDE (UF6) TO BE USED TO FABRICATE ADDITIONAL FUEL
ELEMENTS FOR RA-3 RESEARCH REACTOR. OFFICIAL STATED THAT THIS
QUANTITY WOULD BE SUFFICIENT TO FUEL THE REACTOR THROUGH END
OF 1978 AT ITS PLANNED OPERATING POWER OF 5-7 MWT.

2. SAME OFFICIAL ALSO MENTIONED THAT CNEA OVER THE YEARS HAS
ACCUMULATED APPROXIMATELY 35 (THIRTY-FIVE) KILOS OF
SCRAP MATERIAL FROM FUEL ELEMENT FABRICATION. THIS MATERIAL
CONTAINS SOME 20 PERCENT AND SOME 90 PERCENT ENRICHED URANIUM.
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CNEA IS WONDERING IF THIS MATERIAL COULD BE RETURNED TO U.S. AND
IF SO, WHAT CREDIT COULD BE GIVEN, WHAT OTHER TERMS
AND CONDITIONS WOULD APPLY, ETC.

3. WE OFFERED NOHJPT NO PROMISES RE TOPICS OF EITHER PARAS
1 OR 2. WE NOTED THAT WE WOULD HAVE TO REFER THESE INQUIRIES
TO WASHINGTON AND THAT, WITH RESPECT TO SUBJECT OF PARA 1,

IT WAS PROBABLE THAT USG WOULD REQUIRE A TECHNICAL/ECONOMIC STUDY OF WHETHER RA-3 COULD BE OPERATED ON LESS THAN 20 PERCENT ENRICHED FUEL.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: ERDA COMMENTS ON ABOVE ITEMS SOONEST.
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